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The “copycat process”, arrow of time
- 2) Einselection, subsystems and locality on a quantum computer
Emergence of locality
- 3) Using quantum assisted machine learning for system discovery

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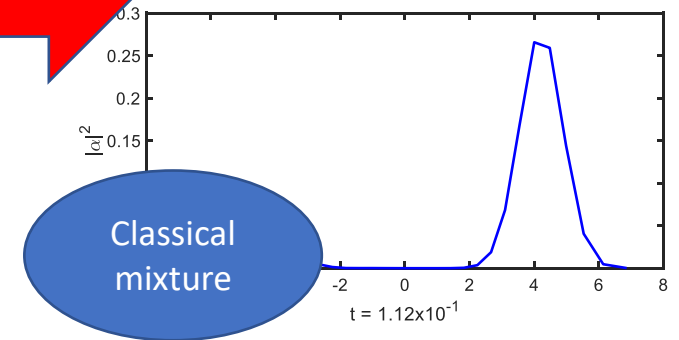
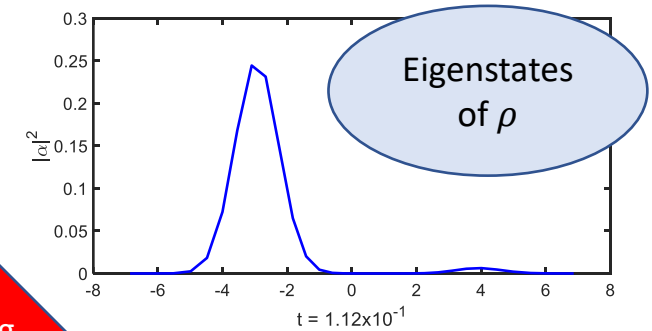
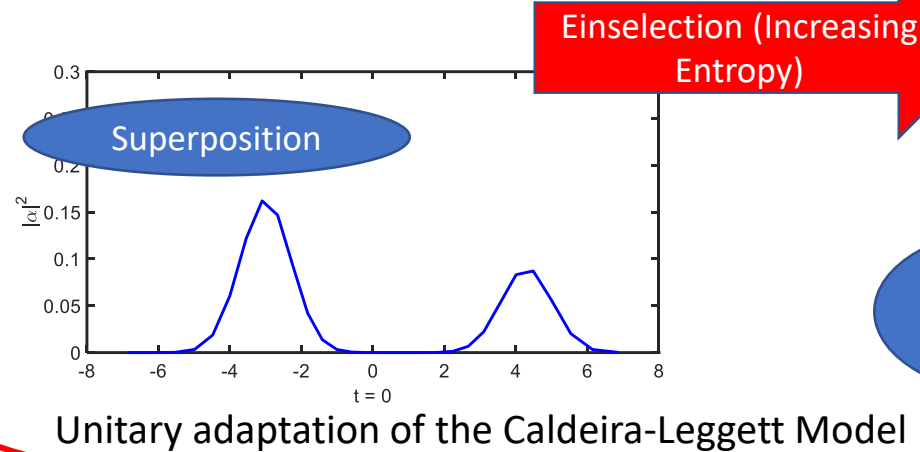
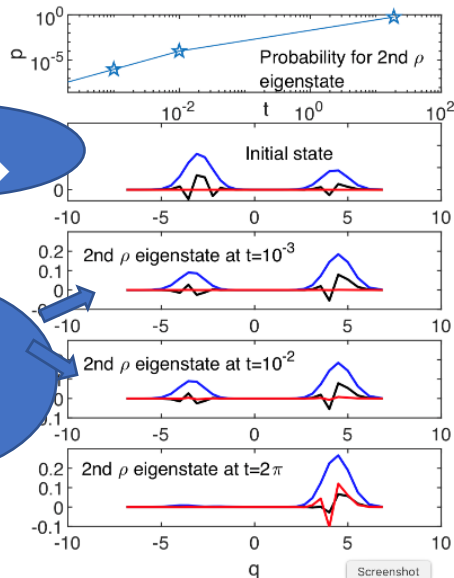
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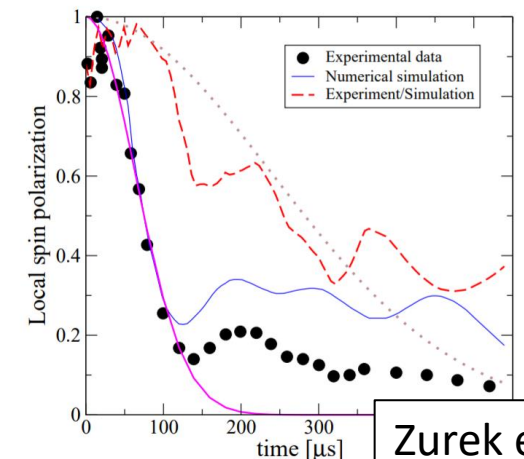
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Early transition to einselection

Copycat states appear to be a very generic starting point for the einselection process

Links to NMR work

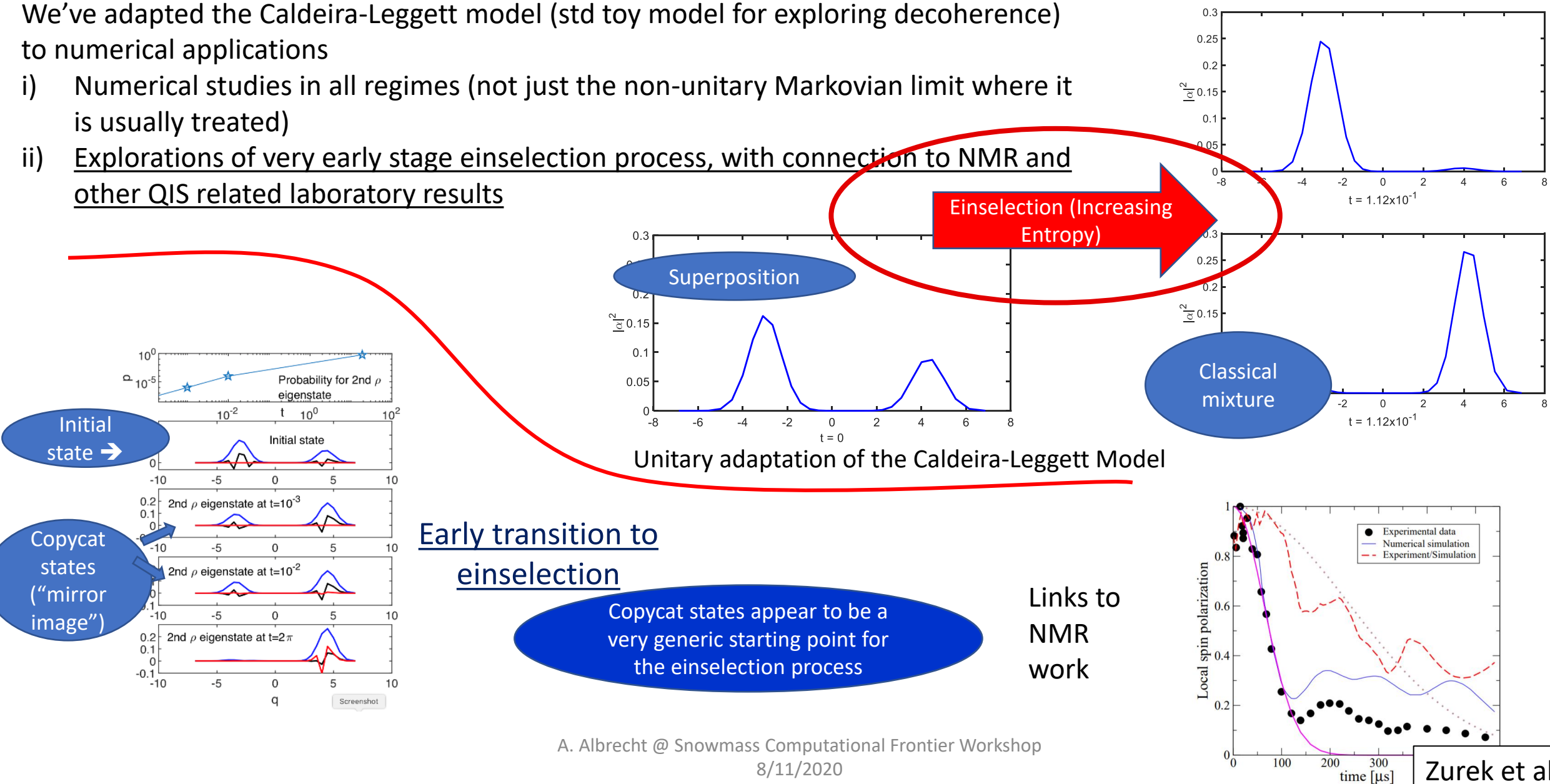


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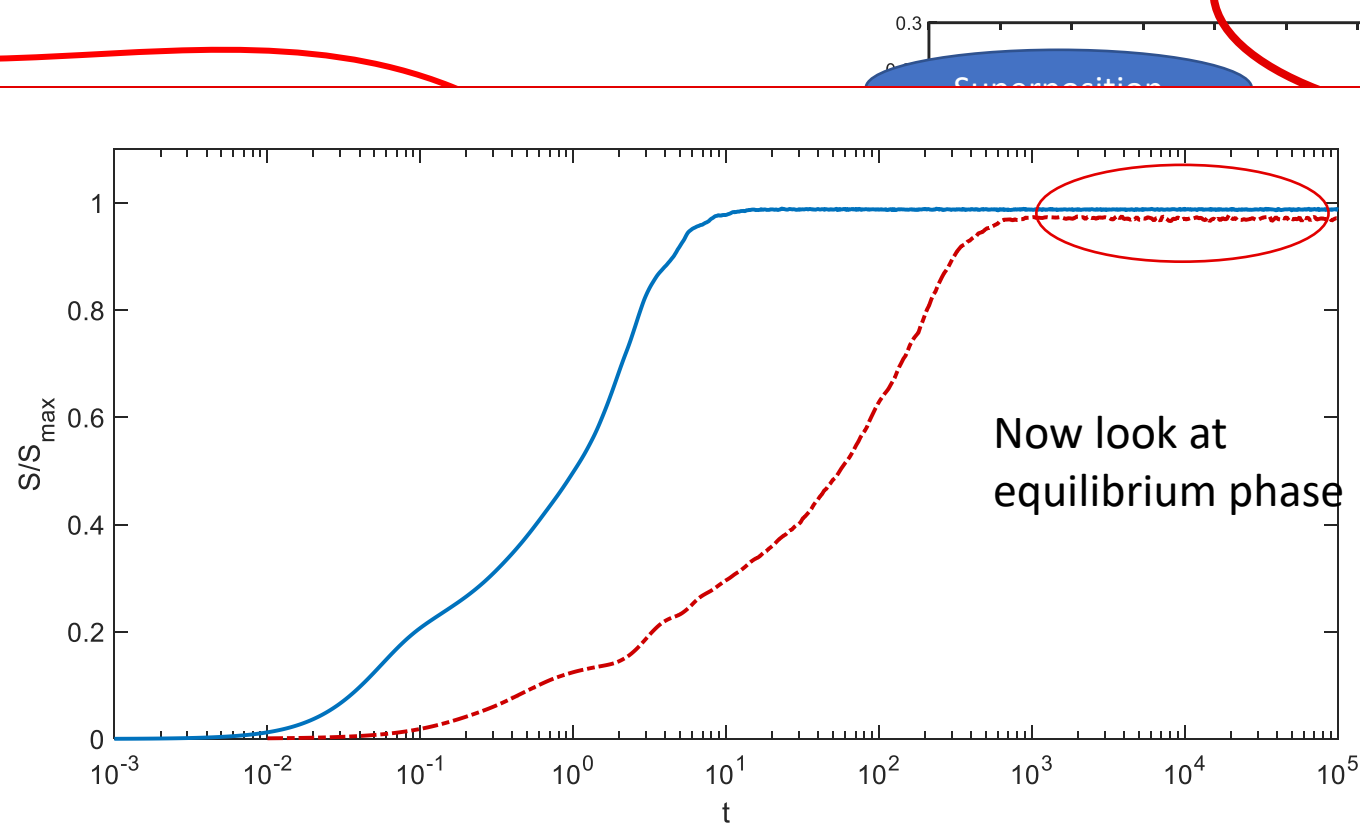
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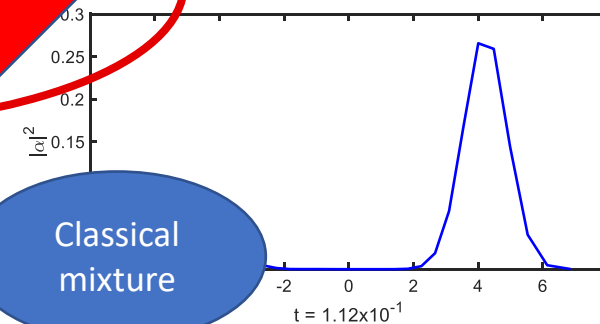
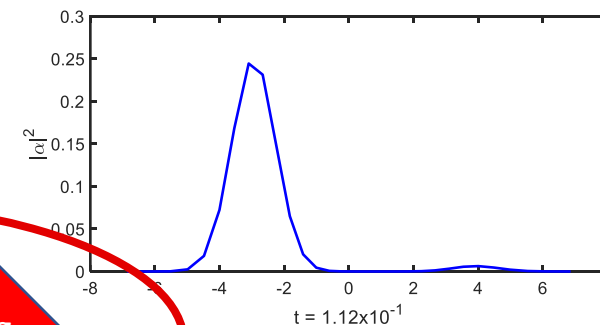
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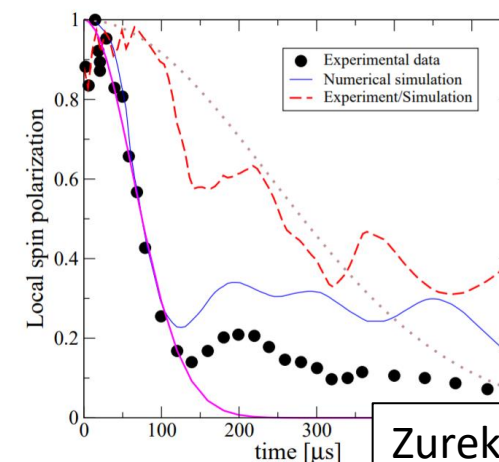
Einselection (Increasing Entropy)



Classical mixture

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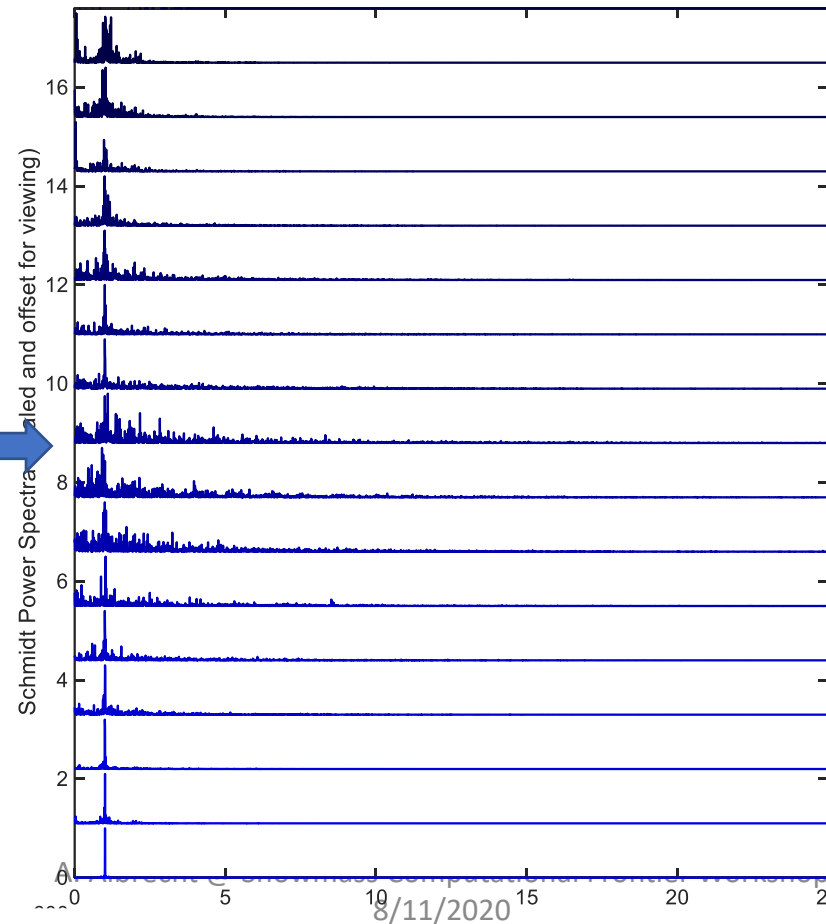
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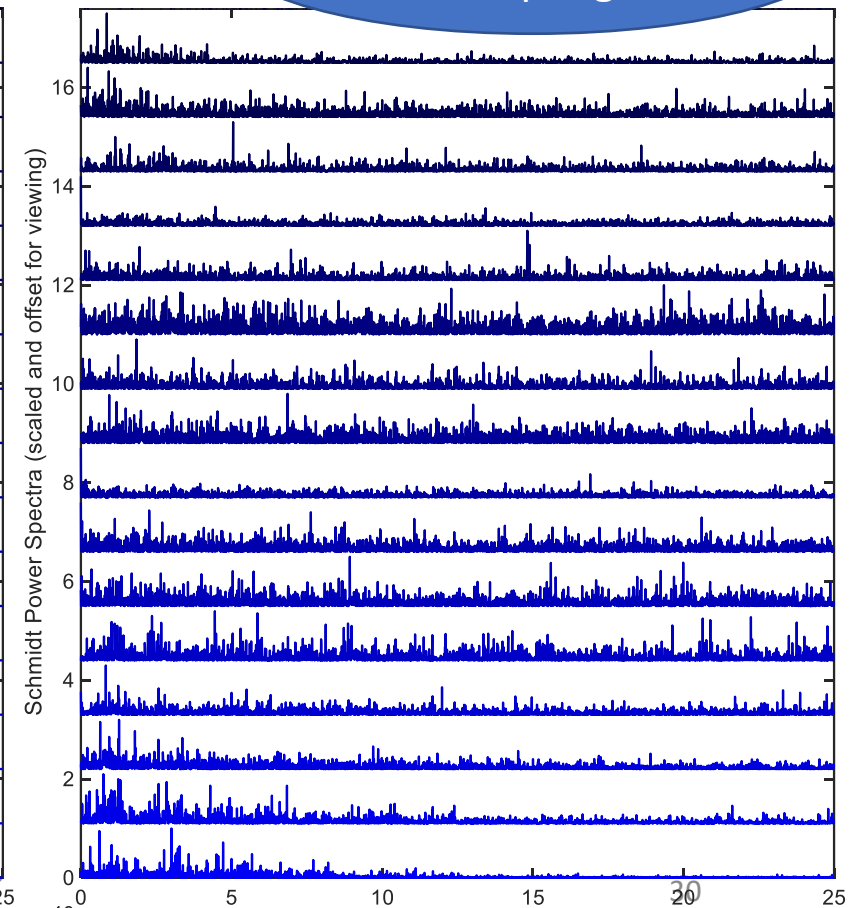
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Peaks in these frequency power spectra of ρ eigenstates indicate persistence of some degree of einselection in eqm in the weak coupling case

Weak coupling

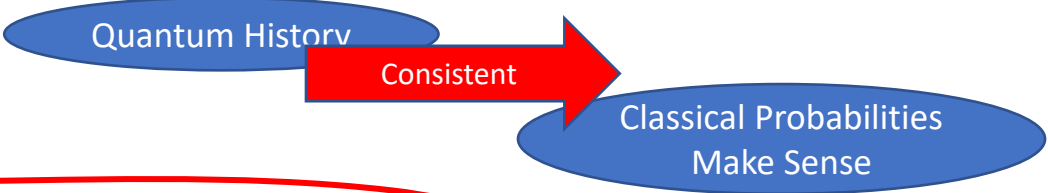


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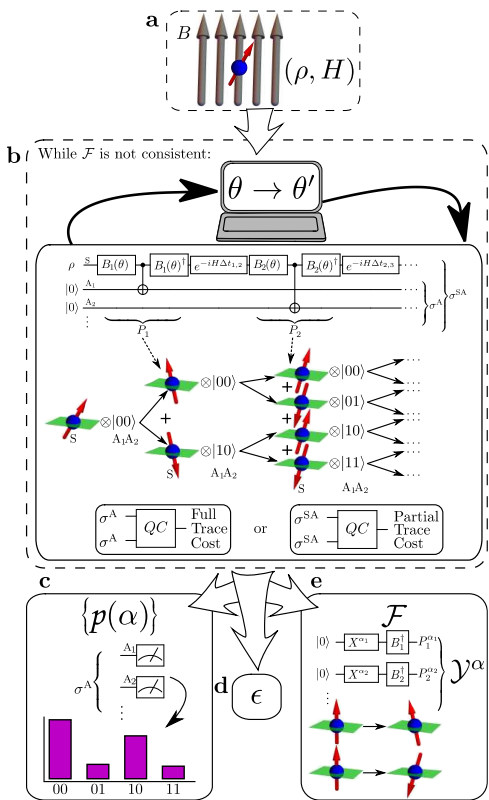
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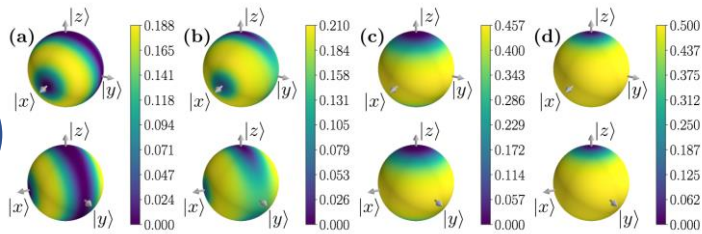


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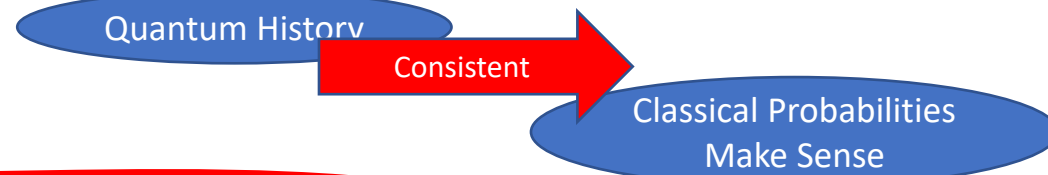
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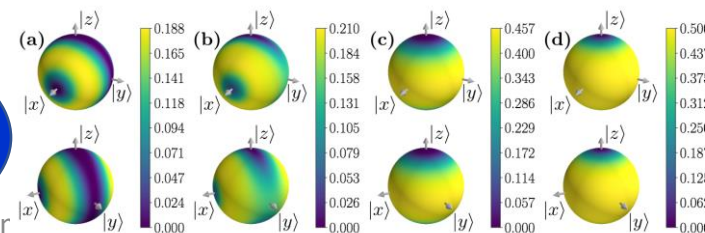
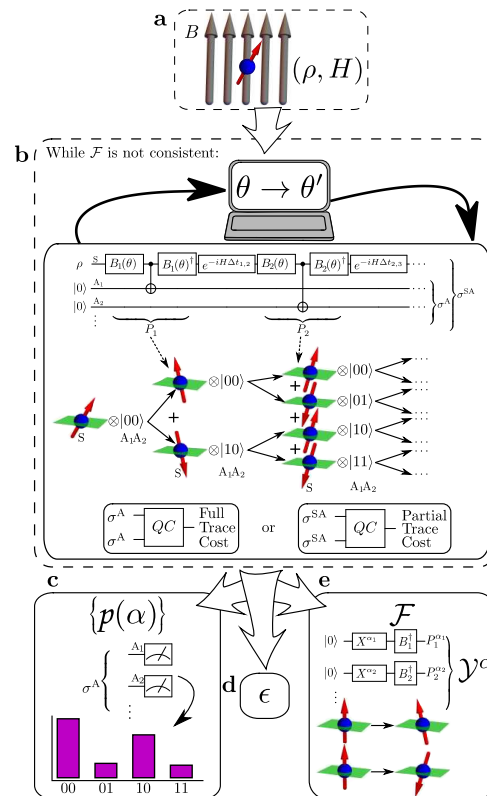
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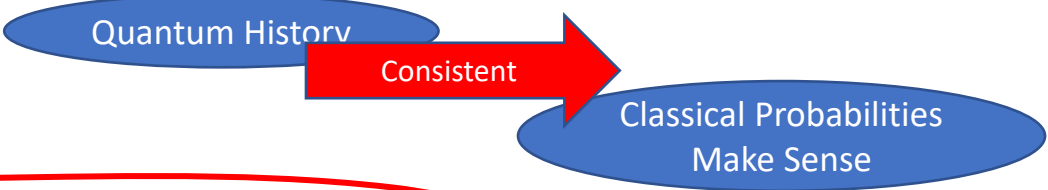
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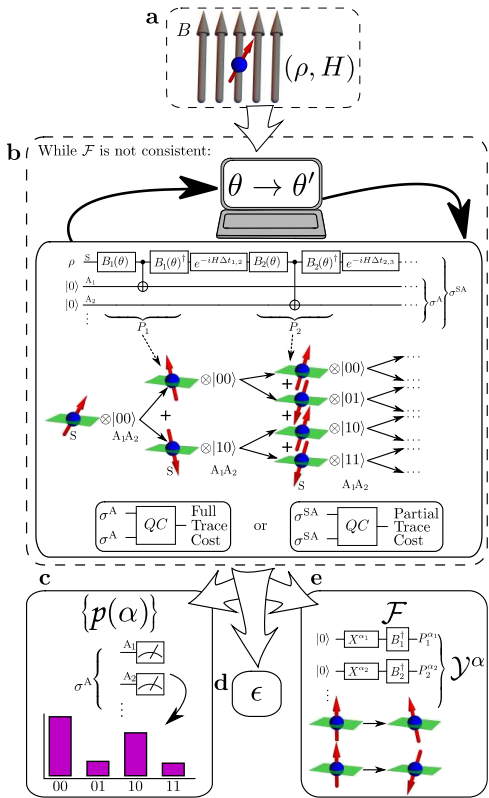
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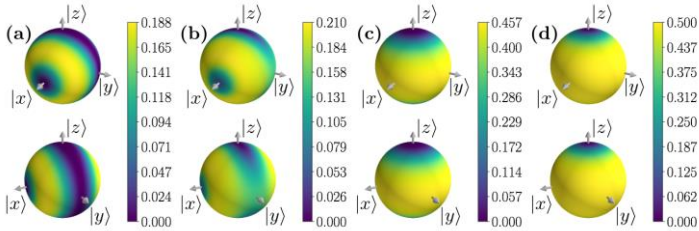
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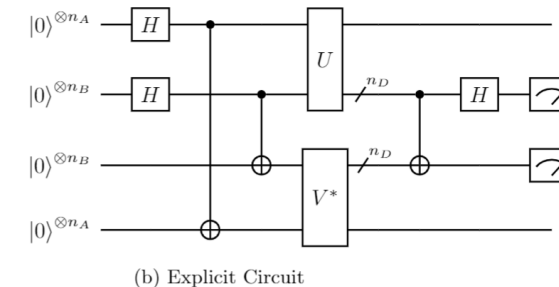
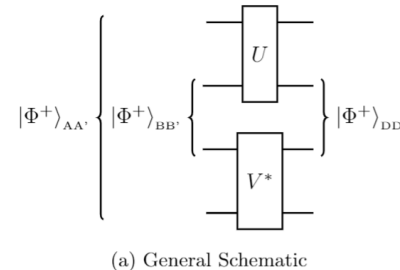
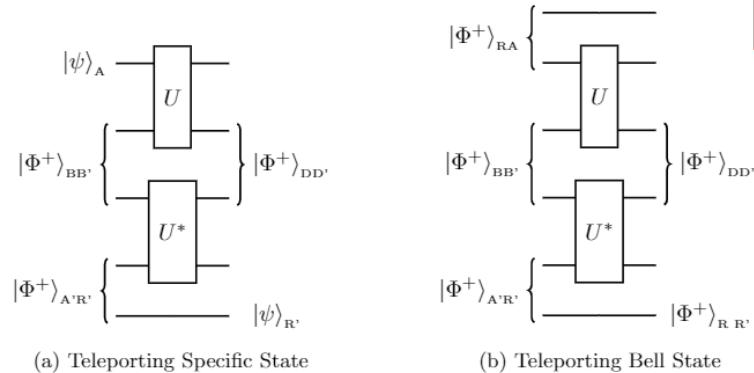


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New project in progress

- i) If only certain information is available from a unitary system, what tools can we use to try to infer the full unitary?
- ii) Are there bounds on what we can learn about the unitary?

We are working to develop decoding protocols and cost functions to develop operational tools to address these questions, and to connect with existing literature on QML



Potentially relevant to quantum
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- We are only beginning to scratch the surface

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